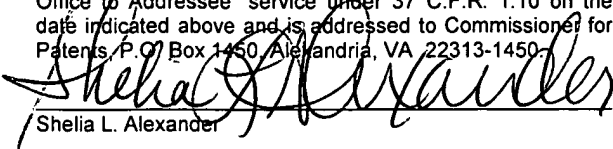


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AMENDMENT C

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated December 12, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on March 12, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension extending the deadline to response up to and including May 12, 2006 is hereby made. A check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the small entity extension fee is enclosed herewith. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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